

Australians Help Prepare Wasatch for Olympics



Wave photo courtesy of Clair Provost

From left to right: George Smith, John Bedford, T.J. Kennedy, Launa Nielson, Brian Garrett, John Spiteri and Clair Provost. Smith, Bedford and Spiteri traveled to Utah from Sydney, Australia to teach public safety crews how to plan for the added demands to emergency services when the Olympics come to town.

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importance of proper accreditation for public safety personnel. Access on and off venues can seriously be curtailed if all credentials are not in place.

Smith recalled an incident where a spectator collapsed at one of the tennis events. The quickest route to the hospital was to take the patient by stretcher through the media arena. When the EMTs arrived at the gate to enter, a volunteer guard wouldn't let them pass.

The EMTs showed their credentials explaining they had access to the media area.

The volunteer replied, "Yah, I know, but he (pointing to the unconscious patient) doesn't."

A law enforcement officer was quickly able to sort through the problem and the EMTs and patient were able to pass.

The three public safety commanders told Wasatch County fire and emergency crews to guard credential badges since only a limited number are issued by the governing Olympic committee. They said if one crew member took a badge to go to view an Olympic event free, the absence of that badge could disrupt work rosters and hamper coverage.

"It throws everything off," said Spiteri.

Smith said in North South Wales, the ambulance service routinely responds to 1200 calls per day. During the Olympics the number of calls increased to 1300 to 1500 per day.

Smith said the seemingly small increase was the result of Sydney "shutting down" for the two weeks of the Olympics. He said people were encouraged to stay away from metropolitan

Sydney. Metro businesses allowed mass employee vacations. And, all medical outpatient procedures, which account for several hundred transports for the ambulance service per day, weren't scheduled during the Olympics.

"Live sites," where the community gathers in large crowds to participate in entertainment events presented problems to ambulance crews.

"We underestimated the impact to the ambulance," said Smith. He explained that during the closing ceremonies which more than 1.5 million attended, the ambulance was unable to maneuver through the crowds.

To help with this problem, the ambulance service equipped motorbikes with paramedic equipment.

Bedford said smaller fire units were of no help to the brigades.

The Pros and Cons of

BY MARGO BLACK

Wave Staff Writer



Well we've certainly come a long way since the days of the Pony Express. Technology has brought

us e-mail. It is a wonderful form of communication that allows a person to write to someone in a matter of minutes.

It certainly has its advantages. With the proper gadgets you can send pictures to loved ones as well as receive them. You don't have to pay for postage—although you do have to pay your internet provider a fee. You save all those long distance charges you would normally have using the phone.

However, it has its disadvantages as well.

When talking to someone on the phone or in person, you get to hear all their vocal nuances. You can detect moods, without them having to say, "I'm happy", or "I'm feeling a little down today."

Of course, savvy e-mail users try to make up for this in other ways. For instance, if you are angry or excited, you can portray this by **BOLD CAPITALIZATION**. But be warned, sensitive recipients may think you are **YELLING** at them.

If you are being whimsical, or joking, you can reiterate that fact by typing a colon and a parenthesis, like this:), indicating a smile. Disappointment can be displayed this way :(Some computers will automatically put in a smile or frown when you type the colon and parenthesis.

Proof that e-mail is as up-to-date as the regular mail comes from the amount of junk e-mail one may receive. Known as

SPAM, we get as much or more junk on our computer as we do from the post office.

I don't know exactly what SPAM stands for, but I think Sewage Parading As Mail is fitting. Some of it is pretty trashy and all of it is annoying.

Chain letters seem to be very common among the e-mail we receive. It has usually been forwarded so many times that the original sender is someone we have never met, and probably never will.

These are just as annoying as the SPAM. We refuse to forward them on. Maybe we should start sending them to the SPAM masters.)

Jokes and anecdotes are usually fun to receive. Fun until you get one that shouldn't have been opened in front of the children and you unknowingly did anyway.

You can send e-cards to people. They can be found on the internet and you can say "Happy

Senator Evans Reports from

Week three of the 54th session

of Utah legislation was the most exciting yet. More and more bills come to the legislature every day. This week's legislation dealt

progress.

Senate Bills 198 and 199 appeared on the legislative calendar this week with direct concerns as to the distribution of nuclear waste on Utah land.

Governor Michael Leavitt had stated his opposition to the idea. Utah Senate and the House of Representatives are supporting the governor and are passing legislation to protect Utah lands from these nuclear threats.

An important bill regarding the teachers' necessary dues to their union has been circled and will await further consideration in the fourth week of legislation. This bill has already proved to be quite controversial on capitol hill. Teachers have a definite disapproval and

into opposing this bill. However, the Senate seems to be set on passing the bill and in turn will create this legislation.

On the lighter side of the political balance, Senator Stephens worked this week to pass a bill regarding the teaching of Mandarin Chinese in our secondary education programs. He proposed that one fourth of the world's population will be coming into our economic scheme within the next couple of years. He stated the availability to communicate and understand the oriental culture could prove vital to the youth of today.

His bill passed favorably from the education committee.

Senator Suazo is still pushing



Bev Evans

with bills regarding nuclear waste, teachers' union dues, Mandarin Chinese being introduced into school systems, and Senator

Australians Share Olympic Strategies

BY TISH DAHMEN

Wave Editor

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Three men who commanded fire and emergency services during the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia traveled to Midway to share their experiences with Wasatch County emergency services and fire crews.

The three Australians spoke to the volunteer firemen and EMTs who serve Wasatch County at a dinner meeting held at Grant

Kohler's shelter in Midway on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

John Spiteri and John Bedford manage fire brigades and George Smith manages ambulance services for the six million people who live in the province of North South Wales.

When introducing the Australians, Brian Garrett, director of Olympic Fire and EMS services for the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, said, "They lived it, they survived it."

The three men said the key to

successfully serving the 3.5 million residents of Sydney, as well as the additional hundreds of thousands of Olympic visitors, was the complete cooperation between all public safety services.

Law enforcement, fire brigades and ambulance crews coordinated their service plans. The three public safety organizations operated from a single command station and all emergency calls were dispatched through one system during the two-week run of the Olympics.

"We have rivalries between the departments but during the Olympics, cooperation between all services could not have been better," Spiteri said.

Bedford, who acted as a liaison between fire services and law enforcement, said the challenges to public safety commanders during the Olympics would be to "attend to all your normal business and work out your rosters."

All three men emphasized the

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in our country." A well-turned phrase, if perhaps a bit of a cliché. Yet that's part of the wonder—that even after one of the most hard-fought and contentious presidential contests in our nation's history, the ordinary workings of America's extraordinarily stable and peaceful democracy continued apace, almost yawn-worthy.

But we should never take it for granted. Anyone who reads the papers knows that around the globe, political leaders often cling to power until their last dying breath, or have to be yanked kicking and screaming from the seat of power. Not only for our own sake, but also for the sake of the peoples of the whole earth, we must work to keep our democracy robust and vibrant.

To accomplish that goal, we rely on the good will and honor of the people

office, career politicians of both parties have done nothing but pay lip service

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MIDWAY EMBRACES BIATHLETES

Blue Boar Inn fund-raiser shoots for \$10,000

KIRSTEN SHAW

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During the last Soldier Hollow World Cup events, more than 35 million Europeans tuned in to watch celebrity athletes—not Shaquille O' Neil, not Deion Sanders, not Tiger Woods. We're talking biathletes, and they're big abroad. Heber Valley wants to show these superstars some respect at a \$200 per plate four-star fund-raiser.

The sport combines the Zen-like mental concentration of rifle marksmanship with the physical demands of Nordic skiing. The athletes ski several miles, carrying a 10-pound rifle, and must hit silver dollar-sized targets more than 50 yards away.

Midway's Blue Boar Inn and the U.S. Biathlon Association hope to raise \$10,000 at the Feb. 10 fundraiser for the U.S.A. Olympic team. Gov. Mike Leavitt is expected to attend. The event includes a five-course dinner, silent auction, attendance gifts and an address by John Warnock, Adobe Systems founder. Auction items include, opera and ballet tickets, restaurant certificates, romantic get-aways, group ski outings, gourmet cooking lessons, Olympic collector pins and a ride in a World War II P51 fighter plane. It costs \$107 per day to support a biathlete in training.

"In an Olympic year, the best support is financial. We want to welcome the team and tell them we embrace you here. The team speaks at schools, teaches youth groups the sport. It is a symbiotic relationship," said U.S. Biathlon President and 2002 Olympic Biathlon Manager Lyle Nelson. "We want to build an audience from Utah. In Europe, people would rather have tickets to Nordic events than watch women's figure skating. Heber Valley has embraced biathlon like Green Bay embraces football."

Nelson said the World Cup Nordic events at Soldier Hollow are the most televised pre-Olympic events managed by the Salt Lake Organizing

Committee. The next Soldier Hollow World Cup begins Feb. 28, and approximately 30 nations' athletes and staff are attending.

"If anybody says they want to contribute to a successful Olympics in Utah, they need to show up and cheer and create an enthusiasm at the World Cup," Nelson said. "When filming, we need to show the high energy, show Utah in it's best light in Europe."

Nelson said all the spectators interviewed who attended past events at the venue said it was the best experience they've had at a World Cup—including European events. Many said the Western theme and the incredible opening ceremonies marked the venue as world class. However, the venue is more expansive and trails are less obstructed by trees than any other, therefore it appears vacant even if 5,000 people are attending.

The Blue Boar Inn, a European marvel complete with a cobblestone drive and a Czechoslovakian boar's head, plans to welcome the international athletes and is campaigning for a successful fund-raiser. The innkeepers, Sandy and Jay Niederhauser, of Swiss ancestry, and fluent in German, have put much effort into planning. In addition to the impressive antiques and uniquely adorned literary rooms, the evening's menu should garner some good donations.

Guests will warm-up with hors d'ouvres including marcarpone baked oysters and quail eggs with apple bacon. Champagne and cocktails will be served, and an impressive wine list is available. The main event is an elegant affair that leads to a fresh Atlantic diver scallop and caviar parfait balanced by the sweet acidity of greens, Point Reyes blue cheese, raspberry vinaigrette and a parmesan cracker. Considering the location, it is no surprise boar-wrapped lamb loin is offered with a rosemary potato pyramid and rainier cherry reduction. Those with the endurance to make it to the finish line can devour true Americana with a snow-covered mountain topped with star spangled glazed—a grand surprise!

The inn is located at 1235 Warm Springs Road in Midway. The benefit dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call (888)650-1400 or (435)654-1400.

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IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

You have an incredible memory, and may be prone to glimpses of just what the future will bring. Your intuition plays a big part in your daily life, so stay in tune with your feelings and reactions everything around you. You probably aren't much of a morning person, so you need to find a work schedule compatible with your energy levels.

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BY MISS ANNA

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Focus your energies on personal challenges, instead of expecting too much from others. Your career is heading on an upward climb, and a promotion or more fulfilling position is possible. Your intimate relationships need more quality time now.

TAURUS:

(April 21 - May 21)

Take direct actions to improve your relationships and career goals. There will be progress at work if you can get your ideas across successfully. Keep taking steps forward, no matter how small, to bring you closer to your goal at work.

GEMINI:

(May 22 - June 21)

You will be able to accomplish anything you set your heart and mind to. This is one of your best times at home — harmony is everywhere. It's time to take a personal inventory and start a self improvement program for yourself. Go it alone and stay focused at work.

CANCER:

(June 22 - July 23)

Avoid making any promises, especially if it concerns money - you may not be able to keep those promises, no matter how hard you try. There are challenges in front of you at work, so make sure to do your personal best. Re-examine your goals and opportunities.



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